

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1
INCIDENT NO. 2004-024
DATE: March 5, 2004 Time: 6:30 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Garrison Water Shortage – The city's ability to provide water to its customers was disrupted on the evening of Thursday, March 4, impacting 1,318 people in the city and 1,376 water users in the surrounding rural area.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No deaths or injuries have been reported.
3. DAMAGES: Garrison officials are investigating the cause of the water supply disruption. The city water treatment plant, which draws its water from Lake Sakakawea, processes 200,000 gallons of water per day.
4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: Local agencies responding to the emergency include city administration offices, city public works, the First District Health, the McLean County Emergency Management and private contractors.

STATE: Agencies assisting the city of Garrison include the Governor's Office, the N.D. Department of Transportation, the N.D. National Guard, the N.D. Department of Health, the N.D. Division of Emergency Management and the N.D. State Water Commission.

FEDERAL: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region VIII, has been notified.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: The Mid-Dakota Chapter of the American Red Cross from Minot was delivering water, coffee, food and other supplies in support of the workers who are trying to repair the system. The Red Cross offices from Bismarck and Grand Forks are supporting the efforts of the Minot chapter. The initial bottled water supply, provided by the Red Cross, has already been depleted; however, the volunteer agency is planning on providing another supply.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Governor John Hoeven and other state officials met on Friday, March 5, with Garrison city officials to review actions required to remedy the water shortage. Attending the meeting with Governor Hoeven were Adjutant General Michael J. Haugen, Division of Emergency Management Deputy Director Susan Reinertson, and Department of Health Drinking Program Manager Larry Thelen.

The Garrison City Council has declared an emergency and ordered the activation of its city emergency operations plan.

As of 1:00 p.m. March 5, the city had started pumping water from an old city well to replenish the reservoir in order to provide non-potable water. This water is being distributed to city customers and some rural residents. Officials hope to supply residents in outlying rural areas with water by Sunday, March 7. The city has issued a "boil order" for water that is being supplied through the old well. Portable toilets for city residents are available at City Hall.

Northern Improvement Company plans to install an alternate pump system for the city of Garrison on Saturday, March 6. Adventure Divers of Minot checked the intake valve on Friday, March 5, and did not find any problems. Granite Springs Water is supplying a 2,000-gallon tanker with potable water for the nursing home and hospital. The N.D. Department of Health has been advised of the situation and is providing technical assistance to the city as far as testing and water sampling. The engineering firm of Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson (KLJ) of Dickinson is providing technical assistance to local officials.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: As indicated.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: As indicated.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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